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HE IS KNOWN AS
DAYSPRING. A
SIGN OF NEW HOPE...

... HE IS A MUTANT -- A
BEING GIFTED WITH STRANGE
AND AWESOME POWERS
SUCH AS TELEPATHY AND
TELEKINESIS.

IF IT WEREN'T
FOR THE TECHNO-
VIRUS RAVAGING
HIS BODY, IT IS
SAID THAT HE
COULD MOVE
PLANETS FROM
THEIR ORBITS BY
THE SHEER FORCE
OF HIS WILL.

IN THE EVER-
CONFUSING
PARADOX
THAT IS TIME,
HE WILL GROW
UP SOME TWO
THOUSAND YEARS
IN THE FUTURE --

-- ONLY TO RETURN TO OUR
OWN ERA AND BECOME THE
LEGENDARY WARRIOR
CALLED CABLE.

PROVIDED, HE
SURVIVES THE
NIGHT.

PROFESSOR?

YES,
NATHAN?

WHEN
YOU SAY,
"BAD" --

-- HOW
"BAD" IS
"BAD"?



IN FABLED EBONSHIRE, DEEP IN THE CONTINENT OF EURASIA, HE SEEKS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NO LONGER EXIST.

EBONSHIRE, WHERE GENETICALLY-ENHANCED VEGETATION RUNS AMOK — SO MUCH SO THAT IT IS BELIEVED TO BE UNINHABITABLE.

HE IS ACCOMPANIED SOLELY BY THE ENIGMATIC TECHNO-SENTIENT BEING HE CALLS "PROFESSOR"; A VERITABLE TREASURE TROVE OF KNOWLEDGE.

HSSSSS

IT IS HERE THAT DAYSPRING HOPES TO FIND THE LAST SECRET STRONGHOLD OF THE CLAN ASKANI...

... THE MYSTERIOUS SECT OF TELEPATHS WHO WILL GUIDE HIM ON HIS PATH OF DESTINY.

A DESTINY UPON WHICH ALL DEPEND.

BAD. BAD.
VERY BAD.

Oh.

HOWEVER, SINCE
YOU INSISTED ON
INVESTIGATING THE
WRECKAGE OF THIS
TRANSPORT SHIP --

-- I HAVE ACCESSED
RECORDS INDICATING
THE VESSEL'S
CHRISTENED TITLE:
"GENDER SPLAY".
REGISTERED
OWNER DESIGNATE:
"COLUMBUS".

ALTHOUGH MY
SCANNING INDICATES
THAT THE VESSEL
WAS BEING USED
AS A SALVAGE SHIP
COMMANDEERED BY
THE BUCCANEER
"MARMEZAT".

DEAD. AS IS
99.9 PERCENT
OF THE CREW.

AND
WHERE'S THIS
"MARMEZAT"
NOW?

I HATE
IT WHEN
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

STAN LEE
PRESENTS
THE EARLY YEARS
OF THE MAN
CALLED CABLE

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THEN I SUGGEST YOU
FINALLY LISTEN TO ME AND
ABANDON THIS PLACE.

NOT
AS LONG
AS THAT .1%
IS STILL
ALIVE --

WHILE I
BELIEVE YOUR
INTENTIONS
TO BE WELL
MEANING, THIS
UNSCHEDULED
STOP HAMPER'S
OUR JOURNEY
TO --

OATH!
YOU WANT
TO MAKE
YOURSELF
USEFUL
HERE?

OF COURSE.

THEN
GIVE ME A
FIX ON WHATEVER
THE THING IS THAT
KILLED ALL THOSE
PEOPLE.

AS YOU
WISH,
NATHAN.



ACCORDING TO MY
SENSORS, THE BEING
DESIGNATE: "DREBOT"
HAS NO WEAKNESSES
WHATSOEVER.

SSS?

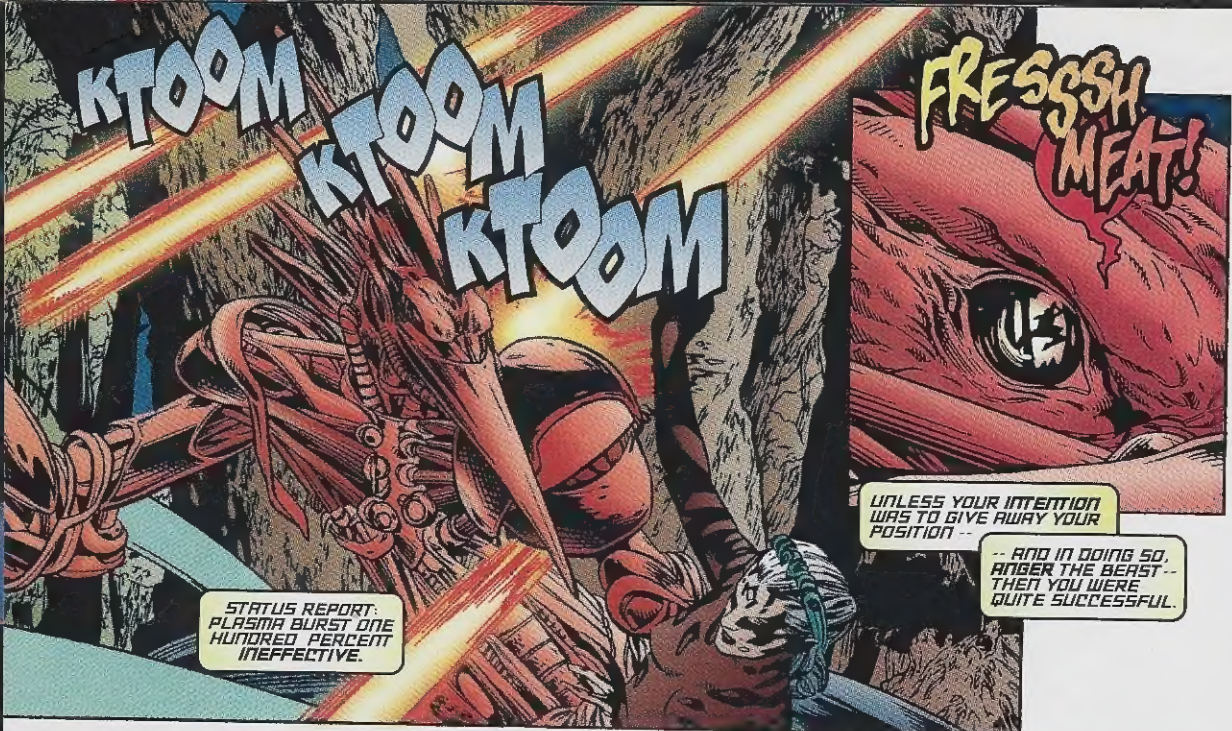


THAT'S
PIPE!

EVERY-
BODY'S GOT
A BLOODY
WEAKNESS!

FRESH
MEAT?





KTOOM KTOOM KTOOM

FRESSSH MEAT!

STATUS REPORT:
PLASMA BURST ONE
HUNDRED PERCENT
INEFFECTIVE.

UNLESS YOUR INTENTION
WAS TO GIVE AWAY YOUR
POSITION --

-- AND IN DOING SO,
ANGER THE BEAST --
THEN YOU WERE
QUITE SUCCESSFUL.



MAYBE
I WAS JUST
TESTING
HIM --

-- SETTING
HIM UP TO SEE
HOW HE COULD
HANDLE A FULL
BARRAGE OF
TELEKINETICALLY
ACCELERATED
DEBRIS!



APPARENTLY, THE
CREATURE HANDLES
IT ... EFFORTLESSLY.

UNNNNGGH!

**FRESSSH
MEAT!
FRESSSH
MEAT!
FRESSSH
MEAT!**



FRESSSH

MEEAT!

-URK-
OKAY, I
HEARD YOU.
"FRESH
MEAT!"

STATUS REPORT:
YOUR PULSE
BLASTER IS
DESTROYED.

GOTTA
RISK IT ALL
HERE. PUSH
PAST THE
PAIN.

FULL-OUT
TELEKINETIC
BURST.

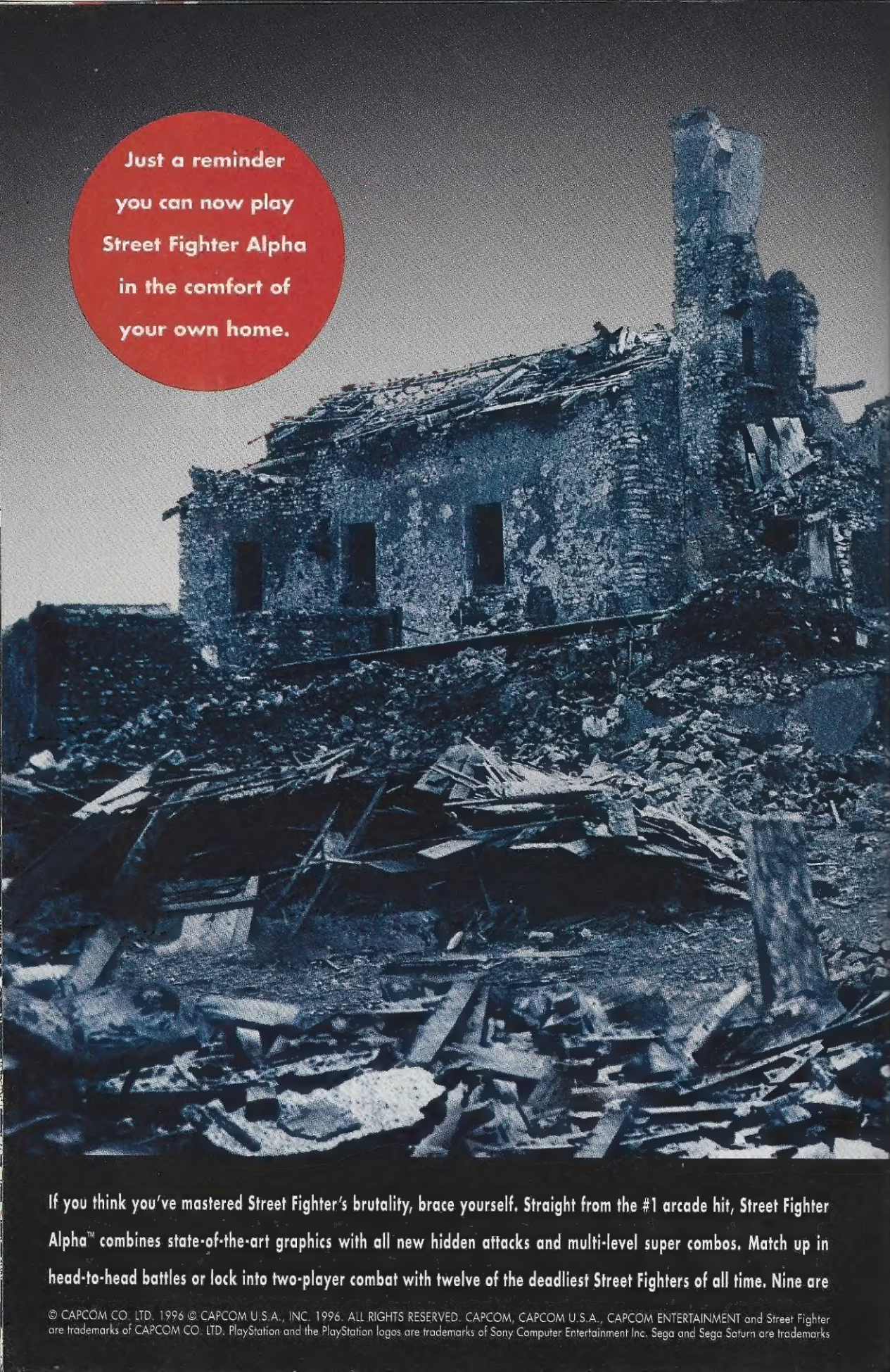
INEFFECTIVE.
YOU HAVE.
HOWEVER
AGGRAVATED
YOUR OWN
TECHNO-VIRUS.

AS
EVIDENCED
BY THE
EXPOSURE
ON YOUR
LEFT ARM.

YOUR ESTIMATED
TIME OF DEATH IS IN
FORTY SECONDS.

UP
CLOSE AND
IN THE
FACE!

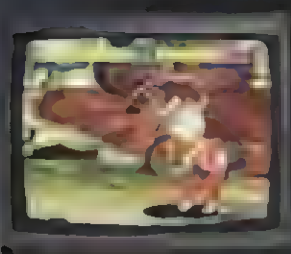
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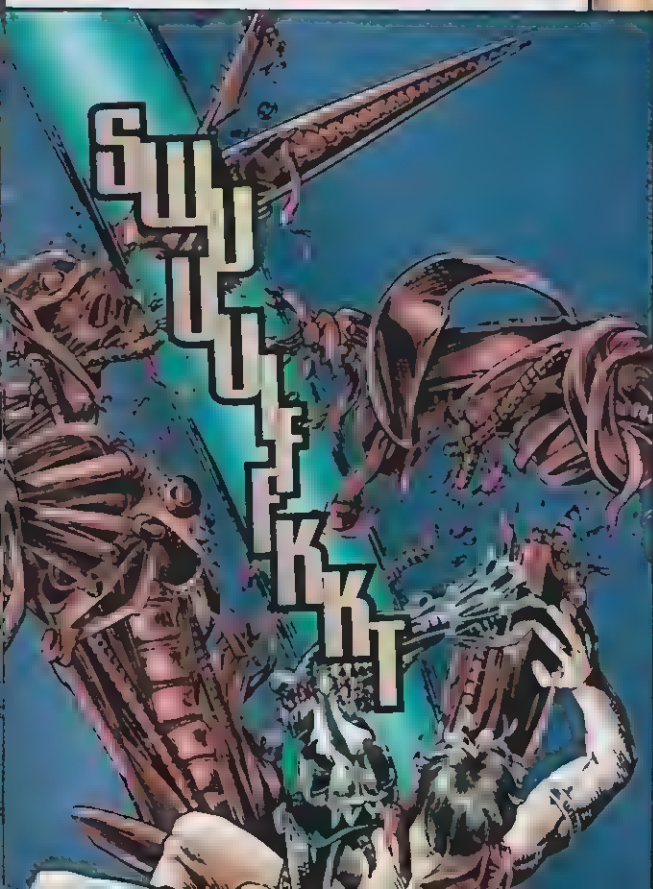


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LOOK, I'M NOT A PIRATE.

I FIND A GUTTED SHIP, FULL OF DEAD PIRATES --

-- AND YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE LEFT STANDING..?

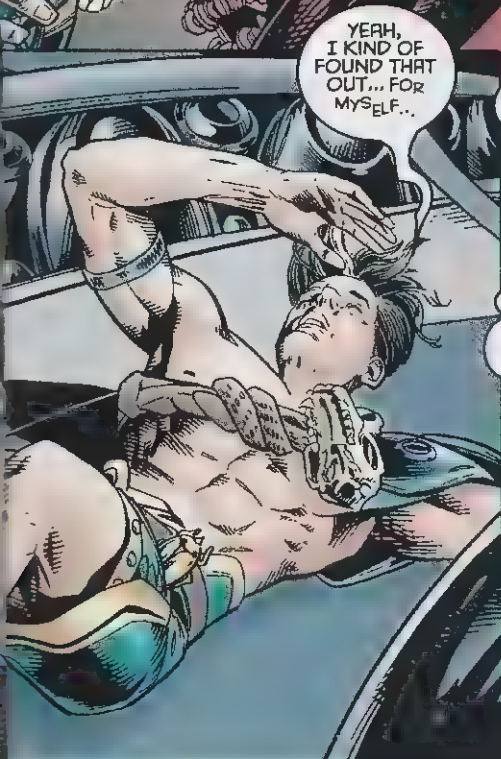
IT'S UNDENIABLE THAT YOU ARE BOTH A PIRATE AND A COWARD.

OATH! IS THERE NO SPEAKING TO YOU?

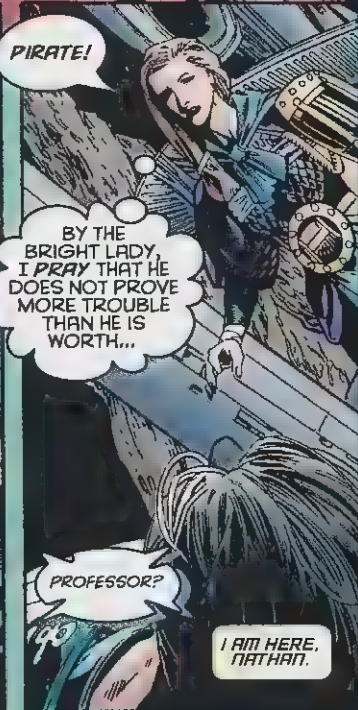
THIS ONE STILL LIVES, THOUGH BARELY.

THE GODS THEMSELVES MUST BE WATCHING OVER THE PAIR OF YOU.

THE **DRAGON** THAT ATTACKED YOUR SHIP IS VIRTUALLY UNSTOPPABLE.



YEAH, I KIND OF FOUND THAT OUT... FOR MYSELF...

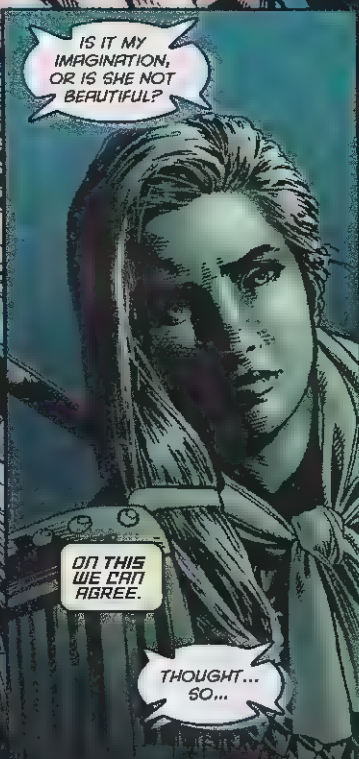


PIRATE!

BY THE BRIGHT LADY, I **PRAY** THAT HE DOES NOT PROVE MORE TROUBLE THAN HE IS WORTH...

PROFESSOR?

I AM HERE, NATHAN.



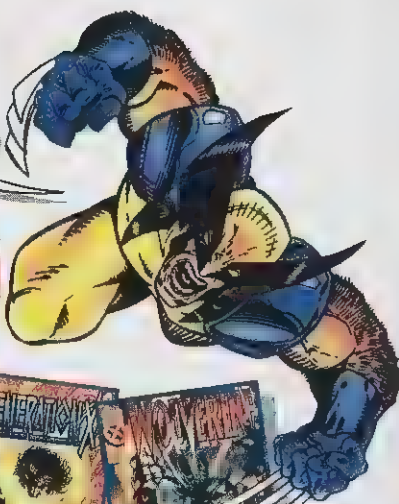
IS IT MY IMAGINATION, OR IS SHE NOT BEAUTIFUL?

ON THIS WE CAN AGREE.

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COAST OF THE
AMERICAN CONTINENT...

...IT'S NAME LOST
IN THE DUST OF
ANTIQUITY.

LEGEND TELLS
THAT IT WAS ONCE
THE CENTER OF
AN EMPIRE AND A
PLACE OF POWER
AND FEAR.

NOW, IT IS ONLY ONE OF MANY
CITIES BROKEN BEYOND
REPAIR -- LEFT BEHIND IN THE
MADDENING RUSH OF HISTORY.

IT IS SAID THAT
APOCALYPSE --
THE HIGH LORD EN
SABAH NUR HIMSELF
-- DESTROYED THE
CITY, AND TOOK
DELIGHT IN ITS
DESTRUCTION.

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A NEW SHADOW LOOMS
ACROSS THE LAND --

-- "CANANITES," THEY
CALL THEMSELVES. THE
SELF-IMPOSED RULERS
OF THE LAND.

WITH EACH
PASSING DAY,
THESE CANANITE
BLOOD SUCKERS
GROW BOLDER
AND BOLDER.

I HOPE
DAYSRING
IS ALL
RIGHT.

ALTHOUGH
THINKING OUR
LAST, BEST HOPE
LIES WITH MY FRIEND
NATE IS A SLIM
HOPE AT BEST.

DESPITE HIS COMMON
DRESS, THE YOUNG MAN
CALLED TETHERBLOOD
IS A VITAL LINK TO THE
RESISTANCE.

HE ALONE KNOWS
OF DAYSRING'S
PLANS, AND WHILE
HE MAY NOT BELIEVE
IN DESTINY --

-- HIS FAITH
IS VIRTUALLY
UNSHAKABLE.

SEE THE NOW CLASSIC
UNIVERSE
MIDWINTER BOXSET

EVEN NOW, TETHERBLOOD'S ATTENTION IS FOCUSED TOWARD THE FUTURE.

FOR IT IS NOT OFTEN ONE CAN EAVESDROP ON TRIBUNE HAIGHT, A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE CANAFANITE REGIME.

YOU STILL HAVE NOT ANSWERED MY QUESTION, HAIGHT.

HAVE A CARE, COLUMBUS, NOT TO TAKE THAT TONE WITH ME.

OR YOU'LL BE TOSSED BACK WITH THE HUDDLED MASSES FROM WHICH I PLUCKED YOU.

NO ONE COULD FORGET YOUR KINDNESS TO ME, TRIBUNE, BUT I CANNOT HIDE MY UNHAPPINESS AT YOUR SURREPTITIOUS HIRING OF MY SHIP.

THE GENDER SPLAY IS NOW LOST.

BRIDGE-LINK WENT DOWN OVER EBONSHIRE OF ALL PLACES --

-- AND I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT RESTITU-

ORKKK!

YOU WANT --?!

DO YOU THINK I GIVE THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE OF THOUGHT TO WHAT YOU WANT --

-- IN LIGHT OF A CHANCE TO RID THE WORLD OF THE LAST REMAINING MEMBER --

-- OF THOSE HATED WITCHES --

-- THE ASKANIS?!

ORRH!

JUST THEN, HALF A
WORLD AWAY...

SO,
DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA
WHERE WE'RE
GOING?

TO
SAFETY.

AND
THAT'S
--?

NEAR.

PIRATE.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

WHAT
ABOUT
ME?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING WITH
AN OUTLAWED
PSIMITAR
LANCE --

-- DRIVING
AN AIR SKID
THAT YOU COULDN'T
POSSIBLY HAVE FOUND
FUEL FOR IN THIS
REGION?

~SIGH~

I
SWEAR, I
AM NOT A
PIRATE.

I
HAPPENED
UPON THAT
SHIP AND WENT
LOOKING FOR
SURVIVORS.

YOU
SWEAR...! THEN,
WHAT REASON
BRINGS YOU TO
EBONSHIRE?

I... THAT'S
NONE OF YOUR
BUSINESS.

HA!

I...
THAT IS NONE
OF YOUR
BUSINESS.

WOMEN...



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JUST HAND IT OVER

GENTLY

YOU WILL ONLY WIND UP HURTING YOURSELF



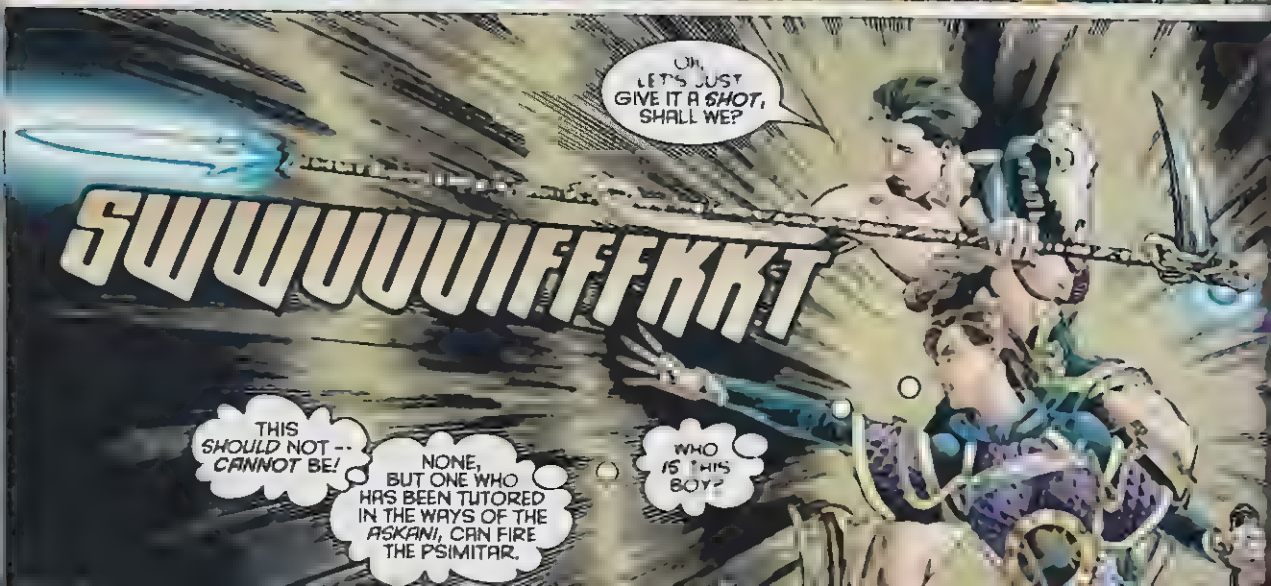
SENSORS INDICATE HOSTILE LIFEFORMS WITHIN THE AREA, BUT HAS

ALREADY ON TO THEM, PROFESSOR.

YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND

THE PSIMITAR IS A SACRED WEAPON --

-- IT TAKES YEARS OF STUDY JUST TO --

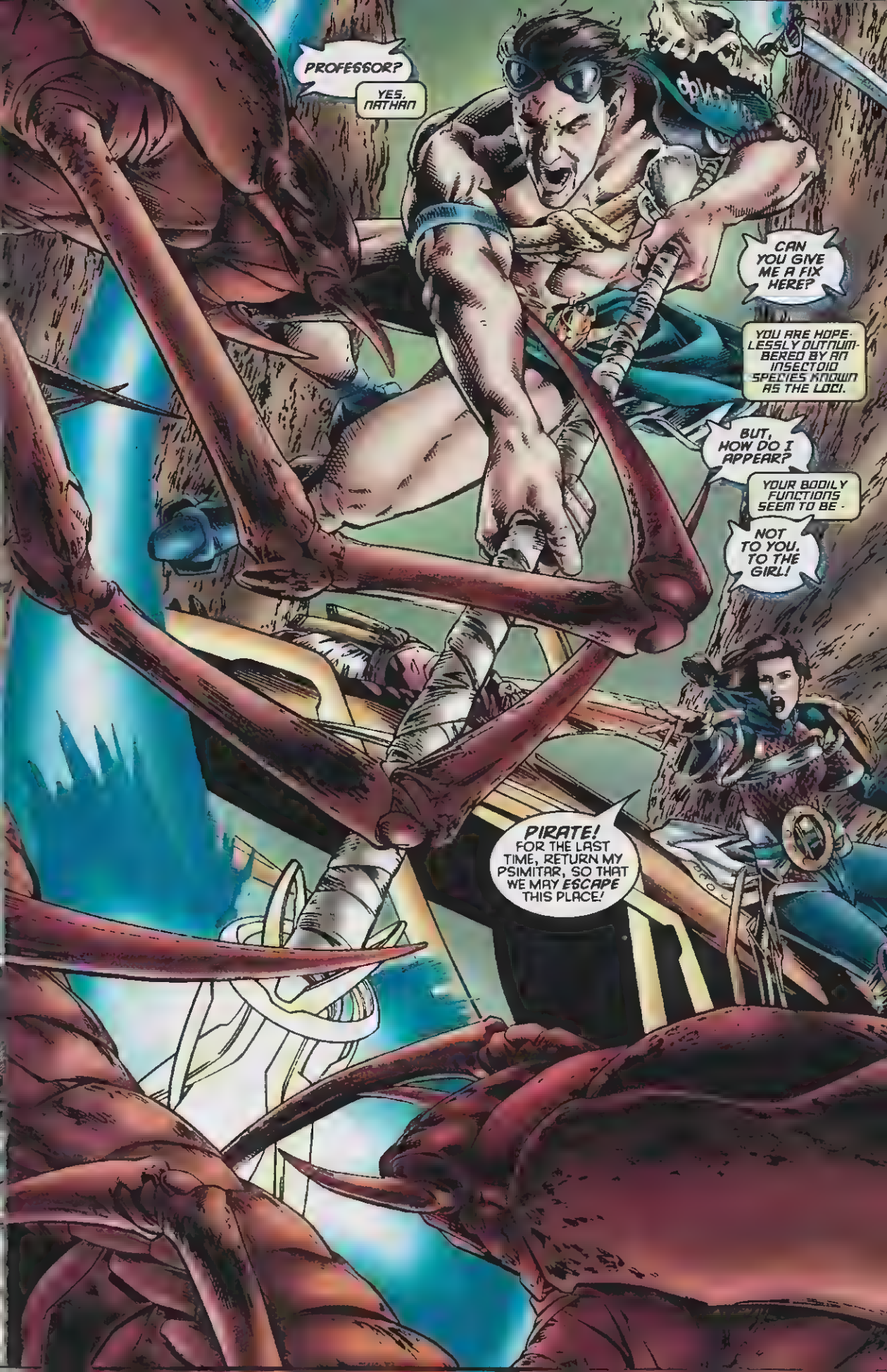


OH, LET'S JUST GIVE IT A SHOT, SHALL WE?

THIS SHOULD NOT -- CANNOT BE!

NONE, BUT ONE WHO HAS BEEN TUTORED IN THE WAYS OF THE ASKANI, CAN FIRE THE PSIMITAR.

WHO IS THIS BOY?



PROFESSOR?

YES,
NATHAN

CAN
YOU GIVE
ME A FIX
HERE?

YOU ARE HOPE-
LESSLY OUTNUM-
BERED BY AN
INSECTOID
SPECIES KNOWN
AS THE LOCI.

BUT,
HOW DO I
APPEAR?

YOUR BODILY
FUNCTIONS
SEEM TO BE

NOT
TO YOU,
TO THE
GIRL!

PIRATE!
FOR THE LAST
TIME, RETURN MY
PSIMITAR, SO THAT
WE MAY ESCAPE
THIS PLACE!



TELL YOU
WHAT.

YOU STOP
CALLING ME
"PIRATE" --

-- AND
I'LL GIVE YOU
BACK YOUR
HARPOON.

FINE!
ANYTHING
TO SET THIS
BATTLE
STRAIGHT.



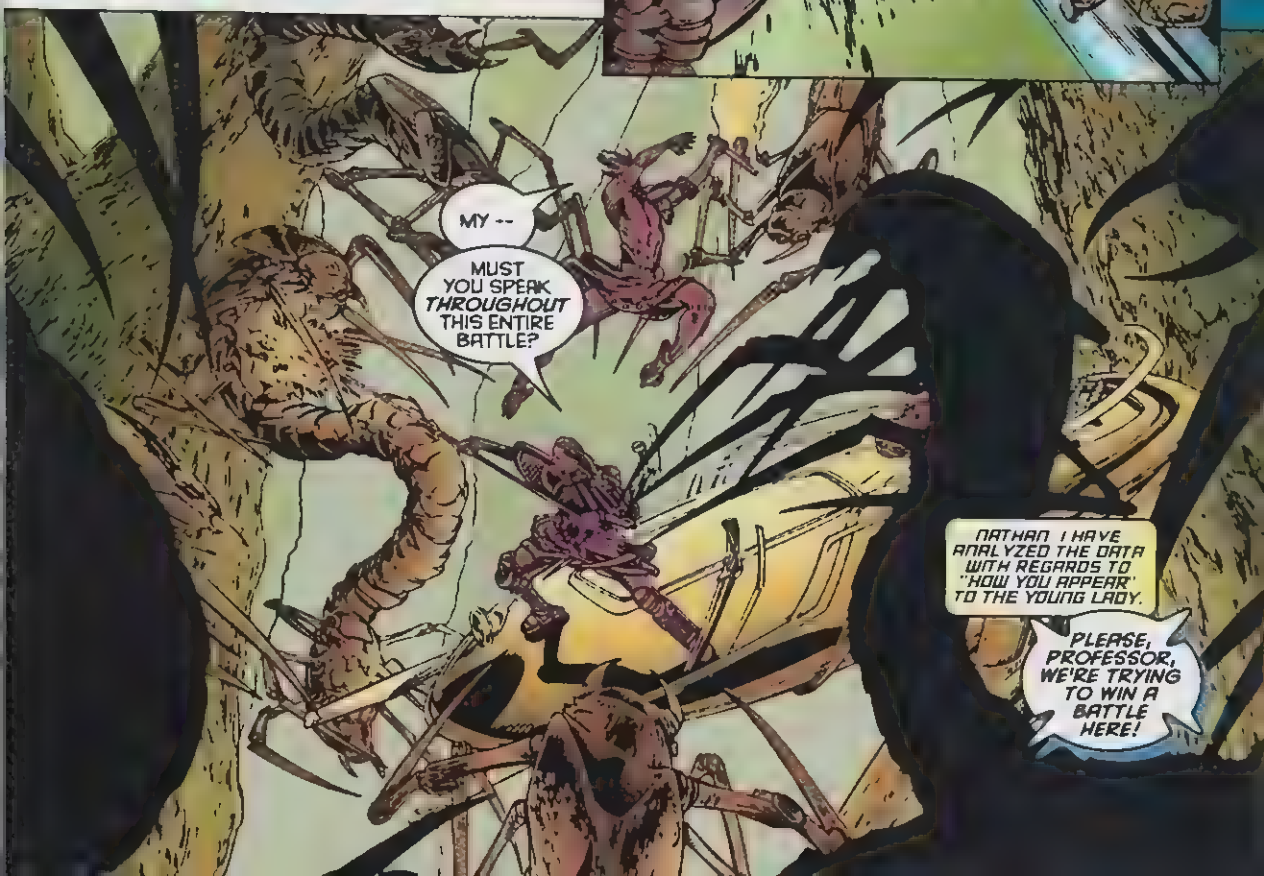
OH,
AND DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT ME,
EITHER.

I'LL
MUDDLE
THROUGH.



WITH
JUST MY
CUNNING...

... MY
DARING
SKILL...



MY --

MUST
YOU SPEAK
THROUGHOUT
THIS ENTIRE
BATTLE?

NATHAN I HAVE
ANALYZED THE DATA
WITH REGARDS TO
"HOW YOU APPEAR"
TO THE YOUNG LADY.

PLEASE,
PROFESSOR,
WE'RE TRYING
TO WIN A
BATTLE
HERE!

THE NILE.

SHE WAS ONCE THE MIGHTIEST OF RIVERS, A FORCE OF NATURE THAT COULD NOT BE TAMED, BUT ONLY RESPECTED.

BUT HE WHO WAS CALLED APOCALYPSE RESPECTED NOTHING.

LEAST OF ALL, NATURE HERSELF.

THUS, WHAT WAS ONCE THE ARTERY OF LIFE FOR AN ENTIRE CONTINENT --

-- BECAME LITTLE MORE THAN A TOXIC SEWAGE DUMP FOR THE FORMER DESPOT.

ONLY A MADMAN WOULD WREAK SUCH HAVOC WITH SO LITTLE CONCERN FOR THE CONSEQUENCES --

-- AND THEN BUILD AN UNDERWATER LABORATORY FOR SOME UNKNOWN PURPOSE.

AND ONLY A MADMAN WOULD HAVE AS HIS SOLE APPRENTICE --

-- THE CHAOS-BRINGER

STARTE

DAYSpring's GENETICALLY-TWISTED DOPPELGÄNGER.

ZERO, FOCUS YOUR ATTENTION ON THIS ONE.

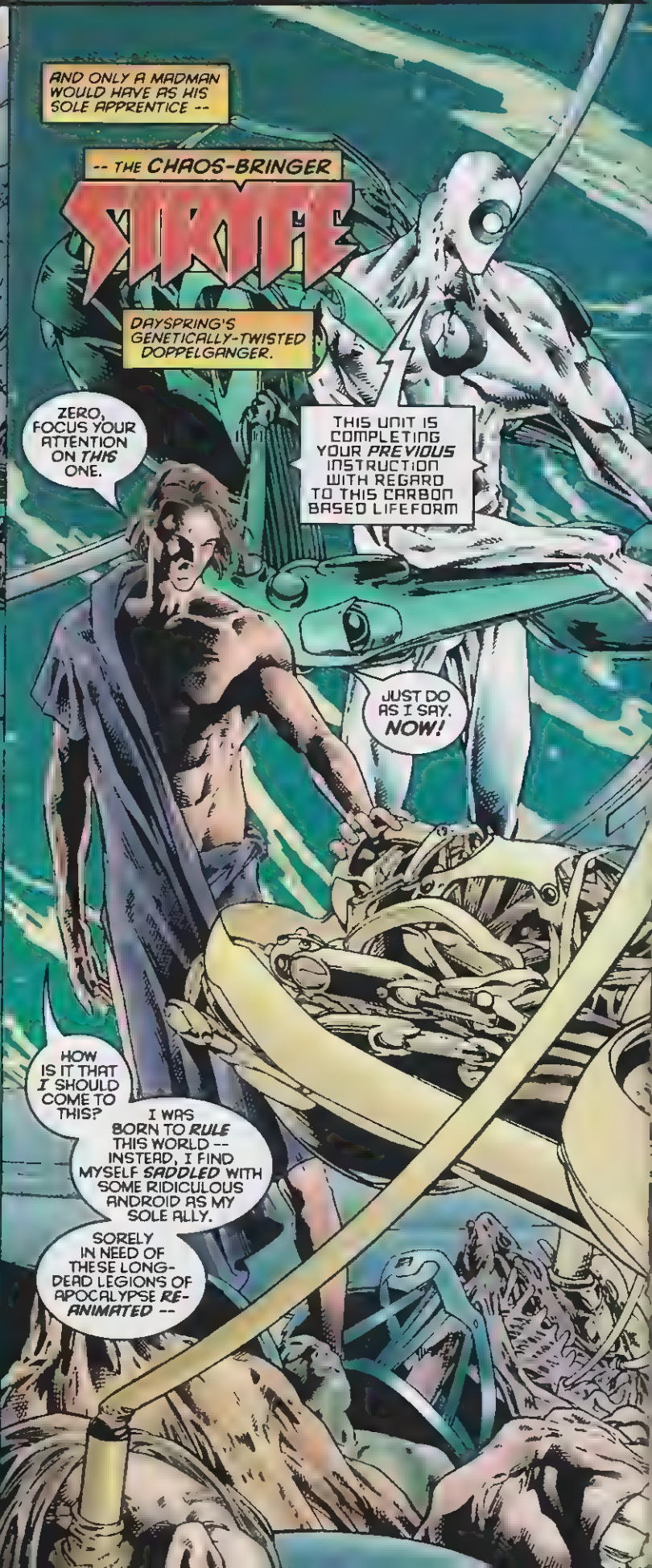
THIS UNIT IS COMPLETING YOUR *PREVIOUS* INSTRUCTION WITH REGARD TO THIS CARBON BASED LIFEFORM

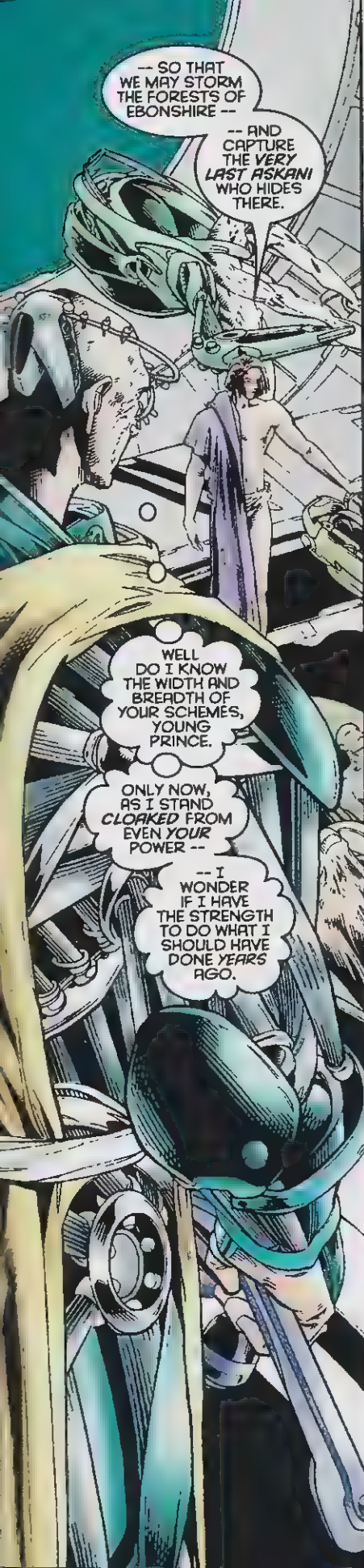
JUST DO AS I SAY. NOW!

HOW IS IT THAT I SHOULD COME TO THIS?

I WAS BORN TO RULE THIS WORLD -- INSTEAD, I FIND MYSELF SADDLED WITH SOME RIDICULOUS ANDROID AS MY SOLE ALLY.

SORELY IN NEED OF THESE LONG-DEAD LEGIONS OF APOCALYPSE RE-ANIMATED --





-- SO THAT
WE MAY STORM
THE FORESTS OF
EBONSHIRE --

-- AND
CAPTURE
THE VERY
LAST ASKANI
WHO HIDES
THERE.

WELL
DO I KNOW
THE WIDTH AND
BREADTH OF
YOUR SCHEMES,
YOUNG PRINCE.

ONLY NOW,
AS I STAND
CLOAKED FROM
EVEN YOUR
POWER --

-- I
WONDER
IF I HAVE
THE STRENGTH
TO DO WHAT I
SHOULD HAVE
DONE YEARS
AGO.



MAY
THE HIGH
LORD FORGIVE
ME.

BUT I AM
THE ONE WHO
RAISED STRYFE
FROM A PUP --

-- WHO
SHOULD NOW, AT
LEAST, ERASE THE
THREAT OF ANOTHER
DARK ONE IN
THE HOUSE
OF --



EH??
HE DOES
NOT REGISTER
ON THE
SCOPE!

SHAME
ON YOU,
CHVAYRE.

SHAME,
SHAME,
SHAME.

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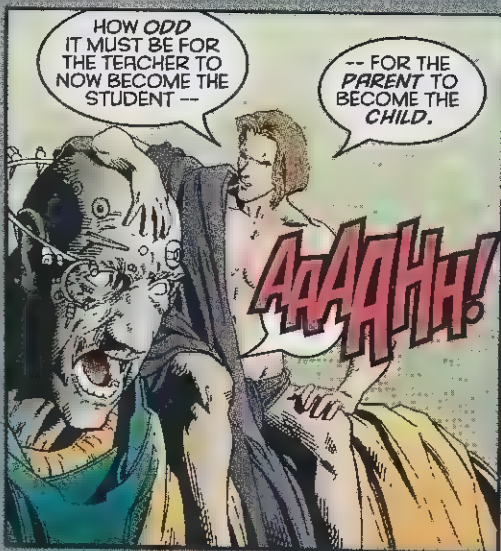
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HOW ODD
IT MUST BE FOR
THE TEACHER TO
NOW BECOME THE
STUDENT --

-- FOR THE
PARENT TO
BECOME THE
CHILD.

AAAAHH!



AND LIKE
AN ERRANT
CHILD, YOU MUST
BE **PUNISHED**,
CH'VAYRE.

LEARN
THAT WE ARE
NOW AND
FOREVER **PSI-
LINKED**.

THERE IS
NO THOUGHT
YOU HAVE THAT
I CANNOT
READ.

NO SIGHT
BEFORE YOUR
EYES THAT MIGHT NOT
BE SOME **ILLUSION**
I PLANTED
THERE.



WHY
DO YOU
CONTINUE TO
TORTURE ME SO,
STRYFE?

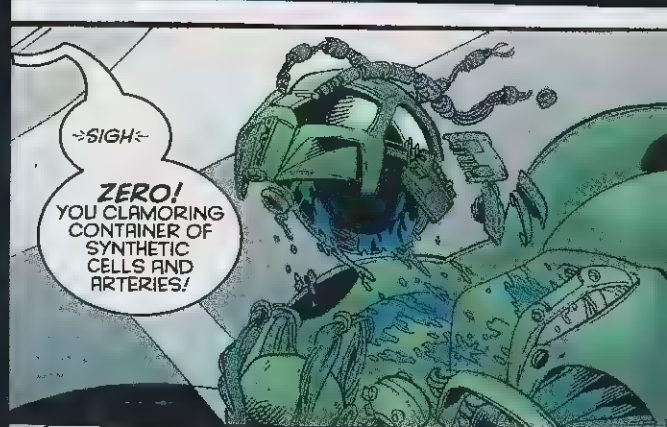
WHY
NOT **END**
THIS CHARADE
AND **KILL** ME
NOW.

BECAUSE
I **LIKE** YOU,
OLD MAN.

I'M
NOT GOING
TO LET A LITTLE
THING LIKE AN
ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT...

WHA --?!

... HOLD THAT
THOUGHT.



>SIGH<

ZERO!
YOU CLAMORING
CONTAINER OF
SYNTHETIC
CELLS AND
ARTERIES!



IF YOU WANT
SOMETHING DONE
RIGHT...

NOW,
TELL THE **TRUTH**,
CH'VAYRE --

-- DO
YOU THINK
THIS IS A
LITTLE
MUCH?

BONSHIRE.

I'LL
GIVE YOU
THIS --

-- YOU
FIGHT
WELL.

YOU
SHOULD SEE
ME WHEN I'M NOT
HANDICAPPED
BY HAVING TO
WATCH YOUR
BACK.

THEN,
I IMAGINE
YOU'D BE
TWICE AS
SLOW --

-- SINCE
I AM DOING
MORE THAN
HALF THE
WORK.

IT WAS
JUST A LITTLE
WHILE AGO THAT
I WAS THINKING
ABOUT STEALING
A KISS FROM
YOU --

-- BUT
NOW I'M OF
THE MIND
TO --

UNGHH!

NO!

X-FACTS

TWO NEW X-FACTORS

March is certainly a month for change this year when it comes to the status quo of X-FACTOR. As regular penciler Steve Epting picks up his pencils, paper and drawing board and moves over to become the regular penciler on the quarterly, megajawed X-MEN UNLIMITED, a young, up and coming talent will attempt to fill Steve's mammoth artistic shoes and join the ranks among Marvel's best and brightest shining stars -- and his name, True Believers, is jovial Jeff Matsuda!

Over the past year or so, Jeff has been making his mark by working on titles such as X-MEN, the one-shot X-MEN: PRIME, Magneto & The Magnetic Men, and Image Comics' Savage Dragon. But now that all his prior commitments have been completed, Jeff is ready to wow the world with his stunning artistic ability. And just so you can understand how excited we all are about Jeff coming aboard, we've included a sample page from this month's issue of X-FACTOR.

Heck, we haven't even stopped drooling yet ourselves.

Yet, Jeff's arrival is but one of the reasons we here at the X-Office are so enthusiastic about the merry, merry month of ~~the year~~ March.

Y'see, ever since former Assistant Editor Jaye Gardner was promoted to Associate Editor of X-MEN, his former boss, X-FACTOR Editor Kelly Converse has been flying solo, relying on the kindness of waaaay too many poor intern to teach him how to use the office's photocopiers.

an Editorial muscle Kelly hasn't flexed since his formative years as an Assistant Editor.

Lucky for the Kell-ster -- and all the rest of us who've been waiting for hours just to make one lousy photocopy -- those days are ~~loosely~~ gone. The powers that be have deigned to alleviate everyone's suffering and have graciously granted Kelly a boon in the form of his new assistant, Matt Idelson.

So, as Matt assumes his role as Assistant Editor on not only X-FACTOR, but also PROFESSOR XAVIER & THE X-MEN, X-MEN UNLIMITED and WHAT IF -- and Jeff puts pencil to art board on a regular basis, let's all have a moment of silence as we prepare to welcome them both to the X-family. And, all together now, everyone: WE HOPE YOU BOTH SURVIVE THE EXPERIENCE!

Aaaaahhh. It brings a tear to the eye.

RUMORS RUNNING RAMPANT

From the halls of mighty Marvel to the digital highways and bi-ways of Cyberspace, the speculation as to the true identity of the mysterious -- and even so dangerous -- Onslaught has left X-fans, both great and small, abuzz with theorems and hypotheses about how, when, and where the X-Men's Editorial office has slated to reveal he/she/its true identity to the Marvel Universe proper.

Some say it will happen this month, others expect it to occur a couple more months down the line, and still many more even dare to say that it's *already* happened, but we did it so cleverly that nobody even

realized we had snuck it past them!

Excellent deductions, all, good friends -- but speculate no further, the jury is in (so to speak) and they have reached a unanimous verdict!

Not only do we know *who and what* Onslaught is -- as we have for some time now -- but we can tell you the exact time, location and way this crucial turning point in mutant -- and Marvel Comics' -- history is going to unfold! But, since you don't want us to spoil the surprise and tell you now, we all might as well forget about it and go about our business as usual.

Hum dee dum dee dum dum.



X-FACTOR ARTWORK BY
JEFF MATSUDA AND AL MILGRAM

EMPLATE'S FINAL VENGEANCE...?

For the past few months, GENERATION X readers have been treated a quietly heralded mini-epic thanks to the mind of Scott Lobdell and artists such as Canada's *Tom Grummett* and Spain's *Pascual Ferry* (See? We really try to do our part to maintain good international relations...).

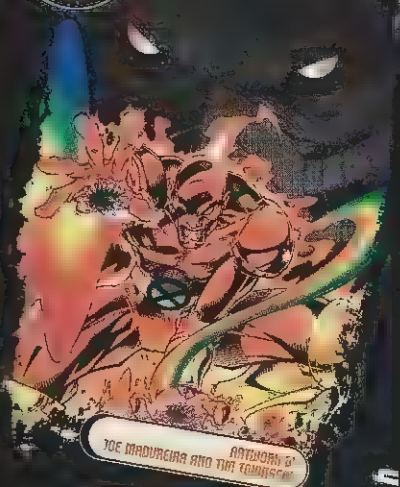
Focusing on the next generation of mutants' first and foremost frightening villain -- infamously known as the dreaded 'genetic vampire' *Emplate* -- it is a tale of vengeance

and victory unlike any you've ever seen.

Not only have followers of this storyline been treated to revelations about certain characters' heretofore unrevealed backstories -- such as M's and Emplate's truly disturbing connection to one another -- but they've gotten the first crack at watching the seeding of subtle subplots within the bigger picture that is GENERATION X. Jealous? Don't be. You still have a chance to catch the tail end of this minor opus -- in both this and next month's issues of GENERATION X.

So, be there or be square, *mon friere*.

GEN. X #15
COVER
PREVIEW



SNOW WHITE WEDDING

On January 7, 1996, UNCANNY X-MEN artist *Joe Madureira* and his longtime sweetheart, *Margaret Skeahan*, finally ended their courtship and tied the knot once-and-for-all -- and not even 20 some-odd inches of snow could stop them from doing so!

That's right -- they got hitched on the very same day that New York (and many other states) was buried under over two feet of frozen precipitation! And while this prevented some of the invited guests from attending the festivities, it was an added bonus for UNCANNY X-MEN inker -- and Florida native -- *Tim Townsend* who came all the way up from the Sunshine state to partake in this very occasion!

So, congratulations -- albeit a couple of months belated -- *Joe* and *Margaret*... may you live long, and prosper, happily ever after!

the wish list

uncanny x-men

332

Wolverine's feral mutation has gotten the better of him, so the X-Men must travel to distant Morocco, and into the lair of the ancient chronicler -- *Ozyandias* -- to find him!

To be continued in WOLVERINE #101!
By Scott Lobdell and Joe Madureira!

cable

31

Cable has just laid to rest his only son -- the evil mutant, *Genesis*. But with the tragedies of his past finally behind him the time has come to search for more clues to the true identity of the enigmatic threat known as *Onslaught*!

By Jeph Loeb and Ian Churchill!

generation x

15

Will Emplate's campaign of vengeance against Gen. X finally gain him a point in the 'Win' column? Fully with Synch under his evil influence, that just might happen -- unless *Jubilee* and *Husk* can get along with *R* and stop Everett from destroying his own facility!

By Scott Lobdell, Todd DeZago and Tom Grummett!

wolverine

101

It's a battle destined for *Ozyandias*'s 'history helix' as the ol' canuckleshead battles alongside his fellow X-Men against the ancient scribbler's animated stone statues of death!

Continued from UNCANNY X-MEN #332!
By Larry Hama and Val Semeiks!

x-factor

122

With a genetic experiment gone horribly awry on the loose, the government assigns the very best hunter they can find to track it down. And just you wait and see who that is! 'Cuz when his path crosses with *Mystique*'s, you can bet that this firecracker's gonna blow sky high!

By Howard Mackie and Jeff Matsuda!

x-man

15

While coming to terms with the limits of his mortality, Nate is oblivious to the fact that one of his greatest foes is being recruited by the mysterious *Onslaught*! Just wait till he finds out who it is!

The next couple of months are going to be doozies for the X-Man and his pal *Threnody*! By Terry Kavanagh and Steve Skroce!

excalibur

97

Nightcrawler and Meggan go head-to-head with British Intelligence's *Black Air*! Plus, *Douglcock* receives an injury that could very well cost

him his life! And if that wasn't enough -- *Alistaire Stewart* actually seeks *Excalibur*'s help! By Warren Ellis and Casey Jones!

x-men

52

Sinister has collected genetic data on quite possibly all the mutants in the Marvel Universe, save one. *Bishop*! But with the time-displaced X-Man

finally in his clutches, he's about to acquire much more than just a tissue sample! By Mark Waid and Andy Kubert!

x-force

54

You're probably asking yourself, "If the mutants known as the *Externals* are supposed to be immortal, then how can they die?" Good question. You'll find out the answer to this one -- and many more -- when X-Force goes under the spotlight for a session of "Q & A"!

By Jeph Loeb and Adam Pollina!

storm

4

The cataclysmic conclusion to Storm's other-worldly crusade! The truth about Mikhail's secret is revealed! The battle for control over *Gene Nation* is finally settled! What you're about to discover inside the pages of this one, is just gonna blow your mind! True Believer!

By Warren Ellis and Terry Dodson!

professor x & the x-men

7

Magneto has recruited the mighty *Sub Mariner* for his Brotherhood of Evil Mutants! Do our young mutant heroes even stand a chance against the combined might of the Master of Magnetism and the Prince ofabled Atlantis -- not to mention the Blob, Quicksilver, Scarlet Witch and the Toad!??

By Fred Schiller, Jorge Gonzalez and Nick Gnazzo!

askani'son

4

The battle between Nathan Dayspring and his clone -- the evil *Stryfe* -- comes to a head! Will *Stryker* Unbridge undergo a change of heart and take a hand in the Askani'son's victory, or will she help bring about his ultimate destruction? Plus, what will become of the heroic Tetherblood and the lovely Alyia!?? You dare not miss the stunning conclusion to this Sci-Fi opus!

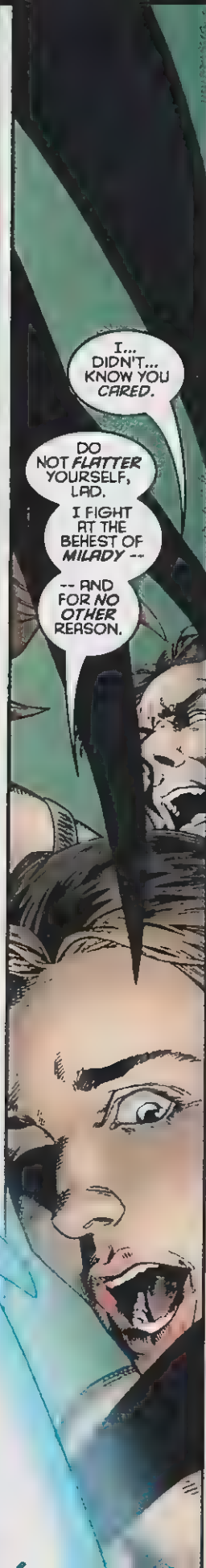
By Scott Lobdell, Jeph Loeb and Gene Ha!



PRAY,
IF YOU CAN,
TO WHATEVER
GODS YOU KNOW,
BLACK-HEARTED
BEASTS!

FOR
IF YOU'VE
KILLED THAT
YOUNG
MAN --

-- I'LL
SEE TO IT
THE LOT OF
YOU BECOMES
EXTINCT!



I...
DIDN'T...
KNOW YOU
CARED.

DO
NOT FLATTER
YOURSELF,
LAD.

I FIGHT
AT THE
BEHEST OF
MILADY --

-- AND
FOR NO
OTHER
REASON.



Oh.

GREAT.

IT IS NEARLY DAWN
WHEN THEY FINALLY
REACH THEIR
DESTINATION.

THE LOCALS AND
THE MERCHANTS ARE
STILL IN THEIR BEDS.

YET DESPITE
THE AVENUES
BEING EMPTY...

... THE VIEW IS STILL
OVERWHELMING...

... EVEN TO ONE
AS JADED AS
DAYSPRING.

QUIET
AT LAST?

OR
HAVE YOU
SIMPLY RUN
OUT OF
THINGS TO
SAY?

AS
IMPOSSIBLE
AS THAT NOW
SEEMS...

I
HEARD
THAT.

PRO-
FESSOR...
IS THIS THE
PLACE THAT
I THINK
IT IS?

PROCEED,
NATHAN.
AND WE WILL
GET THE
APPROPRIATE
INFORMATION.

TOBBZ

**THE INNER
SANCTUM.**

SHE IS CALLED
MADAME
SANCTITY --

THE MOST ADEPT
OF THE MOTHER
ASKANI'S DISCIPLES.
NO MENTAL
TECHNIQUE IS
BEYOND HER REACH.

SOME SAY SHE
IS THE MOST
POWERFUL AMONG
THEM.

IT IS CERTAIN
SHE IS THE
MOST INSANE.

FORGIVE
ME, MILADY,
BUT I DID ONLY
AS YOU
REQUESTED.

ABOARD
THE FALLEN
TRANSPORT
VESSEL THERE
WERE BUT TWO
SURVIVORS.

A WOMAN
WHO NEEDS
MEDICAL
ATTENTION --

-- AND
THIS OTHER
ONE.

NATHAN. IF
YOU ARE EVER
GOING TO LISTEN
TO ME, NOW
WOULD BE A
GOOD TIME.

YOU ARE IN THE
PRESENCE OF A VERY
POWERFUL PSION.

PERHAPS...
THE LAST OF
HER KIND.

I... HAVE
ARRIVED?

OR... ANOTHER
WAY TO LOOK AT
IT IS... YOU HAVE
JUST BEGUN.

MADAM
OF THE ASKANI,
PLEASE TEACH
ME THE WAY.

WHAT?!

WHAT
IS... IS,
CHILD.

MILADY,
I HAD NO
IDEA...

NO
MALE
HAS EVER
DARED...

AND
OUR GUEST
WILL LEARN
THE ASKANI
TEACHINGS.

BUT NOT
FROM ME. FOR
I HAVE OTHER
CONCERNS...

... NO,
HE IS
FOR YOU,
YOUNG
ALIYA.

AND
YOURS IS
A SPECIAL
CHARGE,
GIRL.

FOR HE IS THE
ONE FORETOLD --
THE CHILD OF THE
FIRST ONES
BROUGHT FROM
ANTIQUITY
THROUGH THE
CURRENTS OF
TIME BY THE
ASKANI MOTHER
HERSELF TO
SAVE US IN THESE
DARK, DEADLY
DAYS.

FOR, IN
TRUTH, ALIYA --
HE IS THE

**ASKANI
SON!**

OATH!

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THE FINAL CHAPTER

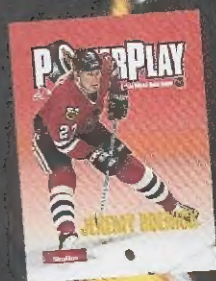
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